

PALM BEACH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



PRESIDENT'S
REPORT
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AFTER FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF AN EXCITING, CHALLENGING AND SUCCESSFUL EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY, I AM ANNOUNCING MY RETIREMENT, TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1997.

I'VE HAD A MOST FULFILLING AND SATISFYING CAREER. I'VE ENJOYED MY ASSOCIATION WITH DEDICATED ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS. HARD WORKING STAFF AND SUPER STUDENTS.

I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF TEACHING AT CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH, SERVING AS PRINCIPAL AT GREENACRES ELEMENTARY, AND BEING THE FIRST PRINCIPAL OF HOWELL L. WATKINS JUNIOR HIGH AND PALM BEACH GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL.

FOLLOWING THOSE ASSIGNMENTS, I BECAME AN ASSISTANT AREA SUPERINTENDENT, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PALM BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE, AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF PALM BEACH JUNIOR COLLEGE. I THEN BECAME THE PRESIDENT OF THE OLDEST PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN FLORIDA...PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MY ALMA MATER. HOW I LOVE THIS COLLEGE AND HOW BLESSED I FEEL TO HAVE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY.

HOW DO I BEGIN TO THANK THE MANY, MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE THIS JOURNEY AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE. I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED WONDERFUL ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, STAFF AND STUDENTS. AND, HOW COULD A MAN SUCCEED WITHOUT A SUPPORTIVE WIFE AND FAMILY WHO HAVE LOVINGLY ALLOWED ME TO FOLLOW MY EDUCATIONAL DREAM. THERE WERE CERTAINLY TIMES WHEN COLLEGE RESPONSIBILITIES CAME BEFORE MY FAMILY.

WHERE WOULD I BE WITHOUT MY TWO LOYAL SECRETARIES...SALLE THORNTON WHO HAS PUT UP WITH ME FOR TWENTY YEARS, AND MARY BEALL, WHO HAS SUPPORTED ME FOR TWENTY- EIGHT YEARS, BEEN MY SOUNDING BOARD, CRITIC AND CONFIDANT. THEY ARE THE BEST.

THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH PBCC, WE HAVE SEEN PHENOMENAL GROWTH. WE'RE ALL SO PROUD OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, THE WONDERFUL FACILITIES, THE CULTURAL AND ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES...OUR AMAZING GROWTH FROM 10,000 TO OVER 53,000 STUDENTS, IS A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT TEAM EFFORT. MY LIFE HAS BEEN RICHLY BLESSED BY THE WONDERFUL STUDENTS WHO HAVE PASSED MY WAY. I LOVED PBJC AS A STUDENT, AS DID FAYE. OUR CHILDREN AND RELATIVES HAVE ATTENDED HERE. I CHERISH THE YEARS I'VE BEEN SO DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH PBCC AND I'M THANKFUL FOR THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES PBCC HAS AFFORDED ME.

UNTIL MY RETIREMENT, I SHALL WORK DILIGENTLY. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR PBCC CO-WORKERS, WE SHALL ATTAIN EVEN HIGHER GOALS. WE SHALL HOLD OUR STANDARDS HIGH AS WE CONTINUE TO SERVE THE GREAT CITIZENS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

THEN, ON JULY 1, 1997, I'LL TURN MY ATTENTION TO MY WIFE, CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES, AND MY GRANDCHILDREN. SHIFTING GEARS WILL PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT FOR ME, BUT I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE. GOD HAS TRULY BLESSED ME. I AM THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

EDWARD M. EISEY, PH.D.

PRESIDENT



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Introduction



His name has been synonymous with Palm Beach Community College for nearly three decades. When PBCC President Edward M. Eisey officially leaves office on June 30, 1997, it will close the chapter on one of the most remarkable periods in the College's long and distinguished history.

Discounting his days as a PBCC student in 1946-48, Eisey's association with the College dates back to 1973 when he was appointed to the PBCC Board of Trustees. His impressive performance as a Palm Beach County school teacher and administrator quickly earned him recognition as one of the area's rising young stars. After serving as PBCC Board Vice Chair, he was elected Board Chair in 1975, and one year later, was named vice president of the College's North Campus in Palm Beach Gardens.

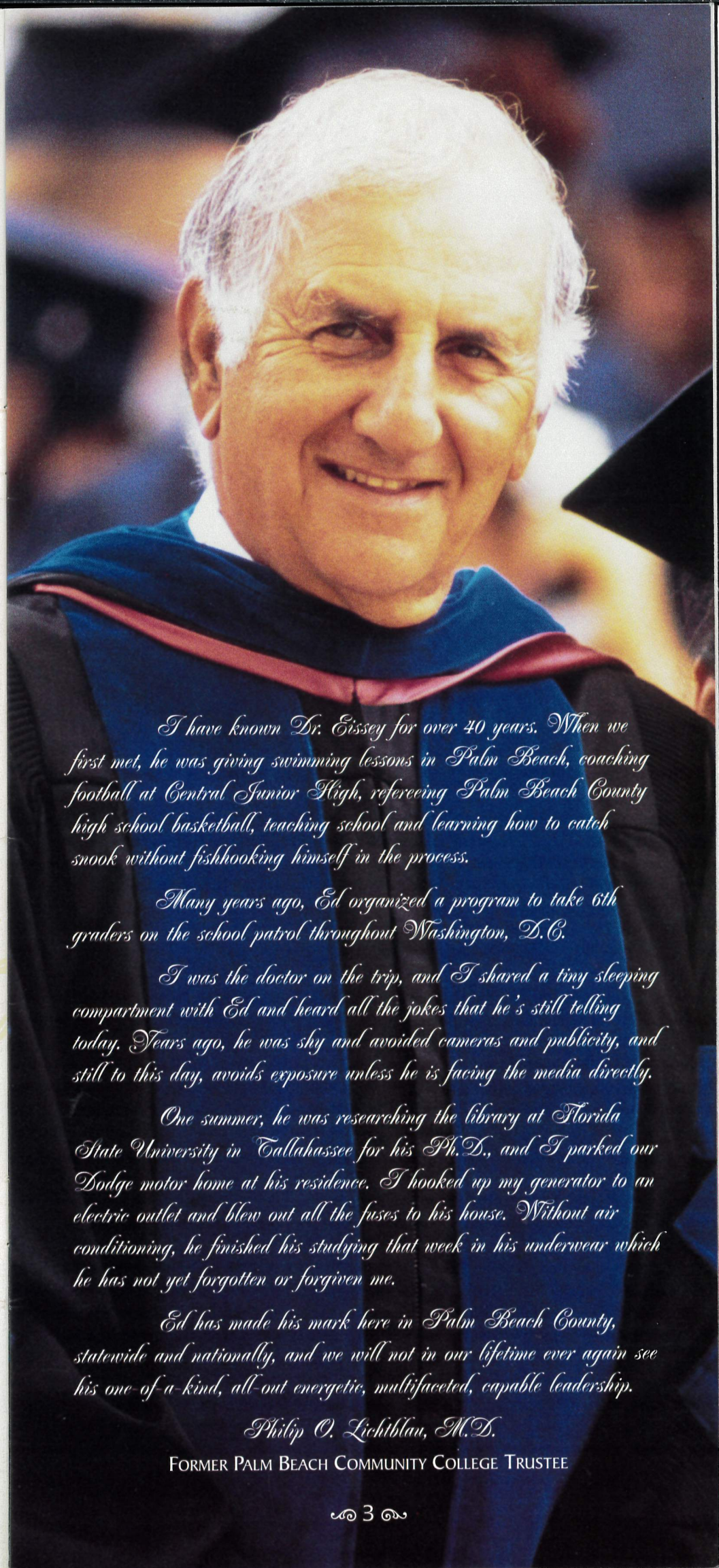
Following the 1977 announced retirement of Harold C. Manor, the College's second president, Eisey was overwhelmingly tapped as PBCC's new CEO. At his inauguration, he was surrounded by family and friends as he accepted the enormous challenge to lead the College into the twilight of the 20th century. And he led us, with brilliance and mastery, for 18 years.

When Eisey officially became president in 1978, there were approximately 10,000 students enrolled; in 1996, that number has grown to over 53,000. Additionally, during the 1980s, permanent College buildings and facilities opened at PBCC's Glades, North and South Campuses.

While expanding its physical properties, the College also enlarged its educational programs to satisfy the growing demands of the local community. During Eisey's tenure, the College increased its curriculum offerings and developed additional enrichment opportunities for senior citizens and minorities. As the College prepares for the training requirements of the 21st century, PBCC will be a major force in providing quality education for high tech, high demand jobs.

Along the way, there were many other educational milestones. One of the most dramatic and far reaching occurred in 1988, when, at Eisey's urging, Palm Beach Junior College became Palm Beach Community College to more accurately reflect the true comprehensive mission of the College. In 1991, the College and community paid tribute to Eisey by renaming the North Campus in his honor.

Some people are seemingly irreplaceable, and Edward M. Eisey certainly qualifies for this honor. He has been much, much more than simply a part of the College. In many ways, he is the College—an enviable legacy for any individual.



I have known Dr. Eisey for over 40 years. When we first met, he was giving swimming lessons in Palm Beach, coaching football at Central Junior High, refereeing Palm Beach County high school basketball, teaching school and learning how to catch snook without fishhooking himself in the process.

Many years ago, Ed organized a program to take 6th graders on the school patrol throughout Washington, D.C.

I was the doctor on the trip, and I shared a tiny sleeping compartment with Ed and heard all the jokes that he's still telling today. Years ago, he was shy and avoided cameras and publicity, and still to this day, avoids exposure unless he is facing the media directly.

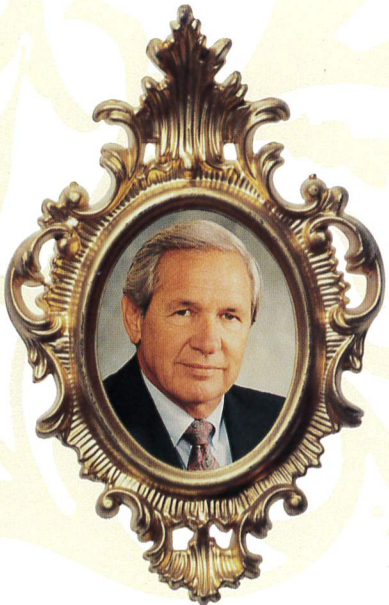
One summer, he was researching the library at Florida State University in Tallahassee for his Ph.D., and I parked our Dodge motor home at his residence. I hooked up my generator to an electric outlet and blew out all the fuses to his house. Without air conditioning, he finished his studying that week in his underwear which he has not yet forgotten or forgiven me.

Ed has made his mark here in Palm Beach County, statewide and nationally, and we will not in our lifetime ever again see his one-of-a-kind, all-out energetic, multifaceted, capable leadership.

Philip O. Lichtblau, M.D.

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Message from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

PROUDLY, PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF MY LIFE FOR MANY YEARS. SINCE 1989, I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO SERVE ON THE PBCC BOARD—AS TRUSTEE, VICE CHAIR AND CHAIR. DURING MY LONG-TIME ASSOCIATION WITH THE COLLEGE, I HAVE ENJOYED A CLOSE PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT EDWARD M. EISSEY, WHO HAS SERVED THE COLLEGE WITH DISTINCTION SINCE 1973.

FOR NEARLY A QUARTER CENTURY, ED EISSEY HAS DRAMATICALLY IMPACTED PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE. UNDER HIS VISIONARY GUIDANCE, PBCC HAS EXPERIENCED PHENOMENAL GROWTH. MOST NOTABLY, THREE OTHER PERMANENT CAMPUS LOCATIONS WERE CREATED, AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT, WHICH NUMBERED 10,000 IN 1978 WHEN HE BECAME PRESIDENT, HAS SPIRALED TO 53,000 IN 1996.

ED EISSEY HAS PREPARED US WELL FOR THE COMPLEXITIES THAT LIE AHEAD, AND INDEED, THERE ARE MANY. THE PBCC BOARD IS CLEARLY COGNIZANT OF THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUING THE VISION OF PBCC AS ONE OF OUR NATION'S PREMIER COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

INDEED, PBCC HAS AMASSED A RICH EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE OVER THE PAST 60 YEARS, AND THE BOARD IS DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND CONTINUATION OF THIS EXCELLENCE. AS BOARD CHAIR, I JOIN OTHER MEMBERS IN LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH RENEWED HOPE AND CONFIDENCE.

WHEN ED EISSEY OFFICIALLY RETIRES ON JUNE 30, 1997, PBCC WILL HAVE LOST A REMARKABLE LEADER. LIKE ANY GREAT INSTITUTION, WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE THE TRANSITION EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY AS WE GO IN SEARCH OF NEW VISIONS AND NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE YEARS AHEAD.

Ed Eissey Ends 45 Years In Education

It takes a great man to accomplish great things. And in his 45 years as a Palm Beach County educator, the last 18 years as Palm Beach Community College president, Edward M. Eissey has shown that he is a great man. Under his visionary leadership, Florida's first public community college has flourished.

Enrollment has soared, the College added three satellite campuses to support the Central Campus in Lake Worth and multitudes of new programs have been added while existing ones received national recognition. PBCC, indeed, has become one of America's premier institutions of higher learning.

The name most often associated with PBCC is Ed Eissey, and while he is directly credited with much of PBCC's achievements, he can still remember attending classes at PBCC's first permanent site. As Eissey was a student of the College, he knew what it was like in the old days. And much like his favorite movie actor, John Wayne, he has always chosen the role of rough and tumble, albeit very well-educated cowboy, who never understood the word can't.

For Eissey, a job was only done if it was done right. He learned this from his father, and it is a work ethic that has followed him throughout life. From the beginning, Eissey had his sights set on the top of the mountain. After all, like Eissey's father said, just sit back and listen—you might learn something. And the younger Eissey did.

A lifelong resident of Palm Beach County, Eissey enrolled at Palm Beach Junior College in 1946 on an athletic scholarship. As a student, he was involved in a variety of social, academic and extracurricular activities. He firmly

believes that his years at the College helped him prepare for eventual leadership roles, culminating in his selection as PBJC president in 1977.

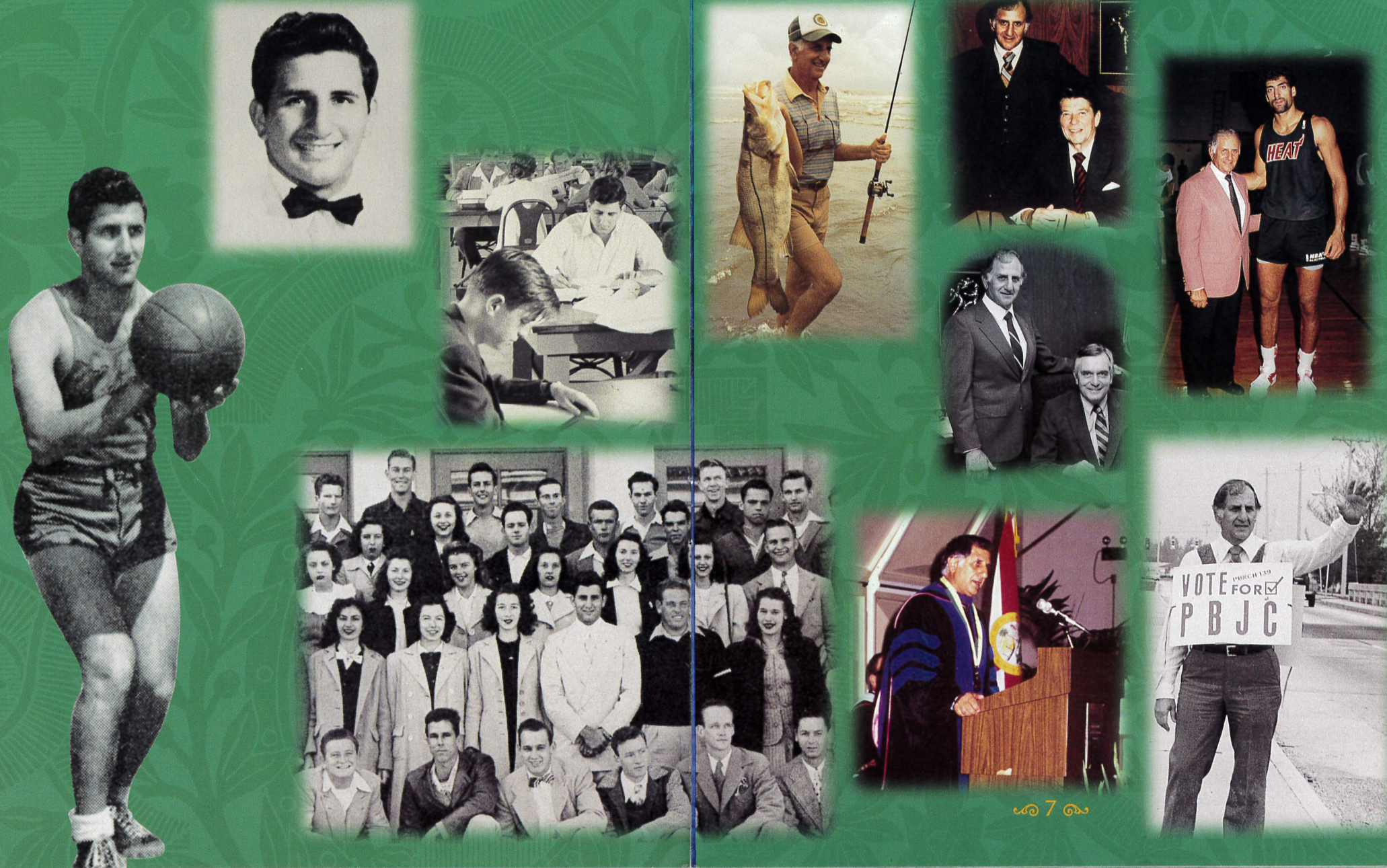
After two years at PBJC, Eissey completed his undergraduate degree at Florida State University. He was awarded a master's degree from the University of Florida, but returned to FSU to earn his doctorate of philosophy degree.

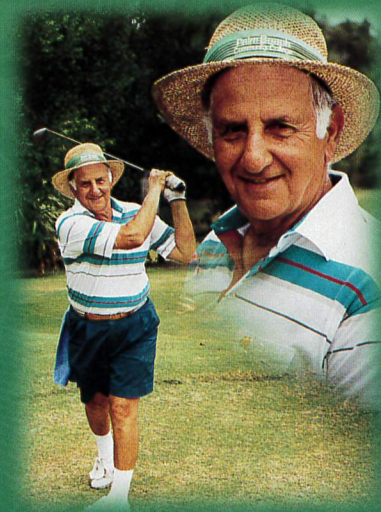
He began his educational career in 1950 as a classroom teacher at Central Junior High School and Palm Beach High School. Later, he was promoted to principal—first at Greenacres Elementary and Junior High Schools, and then at Howell L. Watkins Junior High. Finally, in 1967, he was appointed principal of Palm Beach Gardens High School one year before it opened.

Eissey quickly became one of education's rising young stars. In 1973, he was named assistant superintendent of north area schools, and three years later, he became vice president of PBJC's North Campus. He reached the zenith of his career in 1977 when he was named the College's president-elect. Following the retirement of Harold C. Manor in 1978, he was officially installed as the College's third president.

Under his gifted leadership, PBCC's student population has grown from 10,000 in 1976 to 53,000 in 1996. Moreover, the College expanded from the Central Campus in Lake Worth to three satellite campuses in Belle Glade, Palm Beach Gardens and Boca Raton.

During his tenure, Eissey has initiated scores of programs to assist students. He introduced President's Scholars, a program that annually provides College





scholarships to area high school seniors graduating in the top 10 percent of their class. Two other notable programs—Fast Break and Reach Out—help minority students enroll at PBCC.

One of the hallmarks of Eisey's administration has been his never-ending efforts to gain appropriations for PBCC and the state's community college system. He achieved one of his greatest professional triumphs in 1980 when he successfully organized a millage campaign that resulted in the passage of a local referendum.

Eisey's astute leadership paved the way for more positive changes. One of the most dramatic occurred in 1988 when Palm Beach Junior College became Palm Beach Community College. He firmly believed that the name change more accurately reflected the College's broad spectrum of programs and services. Another name change impacted the College in 1990—not as far-reaching as the one that had earlier occurred, but certainly, one of importance. To recognize Eisey's many years of exemplary dedication and service, the College's North Campus in Palm Beach Gardens was named in his honor.

Despite a grueling professional schedule, Eisey remains active in a variety of civic and charitable organizations. His association with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, dates back more than four decades, and he is the past chairman of the organization's National Governing Board.

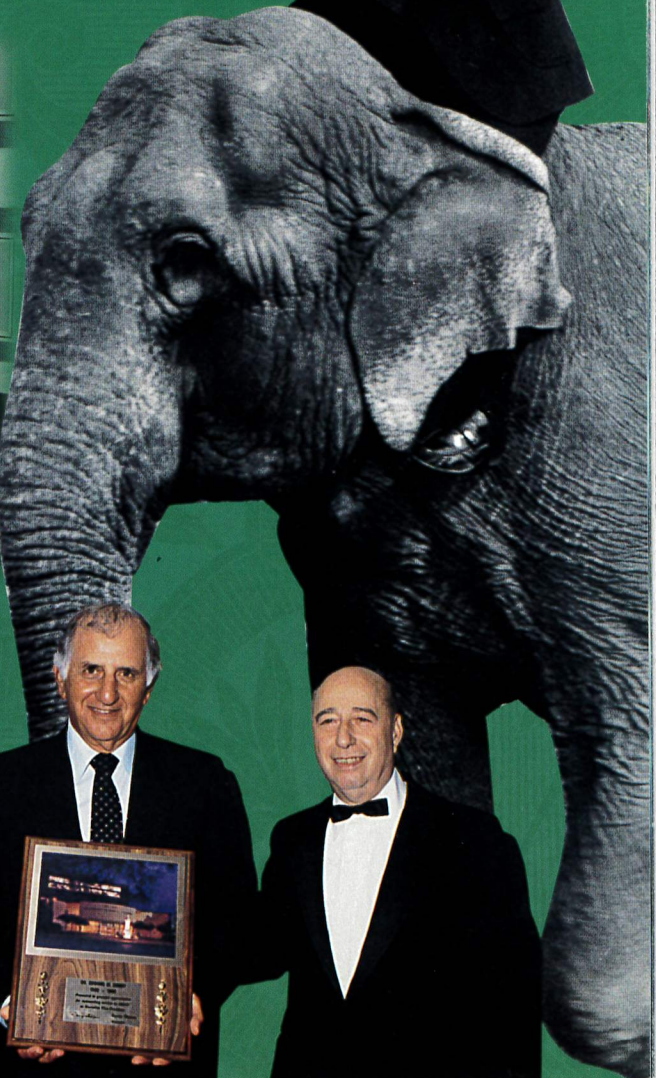
Eisey is also a member of the Florida Council of President's Steering Committee and the Governor's Commission for Quality Education in Florida. Additionally, he has been an invited lecturer at Harvard University, participated

in study missions to Russia and Eastern Europe and was a higher education consultant to the Republic of China.

His list of awards and citations is equally as impressive. In 1995, he was inducted into the Florida Community College Activities Association (FCCAA) Hall of Fame, and was also named one of Florida's Outstanding Community College Presidents by the *Community and Junior College Journal*.

Additionally, the Palm Beach Bar association presented him with the prestigious Liberty Bell Award, and he received the Spirit of Life Humanitarian Award from the City of Hope. Eisey has also been honored by the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce and the West Palm Beach Jaycees, who named him an Outstanding Citizen of Palm Beach County.

Much like his movie star hero, John Wayne, Eisey has indeed cast a giant shadow over PBCC. His accomplishments on behalf of the College are truly legendary and have impacted many areas as well as many lives. Indeed, Ed Eisey has always been, and will continue to be, one of the great ones.



Employee Achievements

ERLING ELECTED TO FCCAA HALL OF FAME

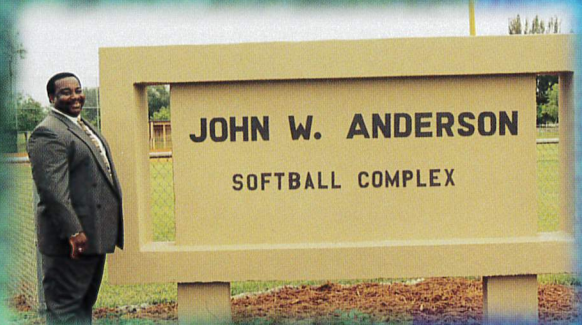
Palm Beach Community College Vice President Emeritus of Planning and Information Systems Elisabeth W. Erling has been selected for induction into the Florida Community College Activities Association (FCCAA) Hall of Fame. Erling was recognized for her outstanding contributions as a community college educator and administrator — a career that spanned nearly four decades.



Erling retired from PBCC in June 1995 following 39 years of service. During her tenure, she was chair of the physical education, health and home economics department, and in 1964, she was appointed Florida's first female athletic director. PBCC recognized her exemplary achievements by naming the Central Campus gymnasium in her honor -- the only College gym in the state named after a woman.

The Hall of Fame Induction ceremony is held in conjunction with the FCCAA Fall Executive Committee Meeting.

JOHN ANDERSON SOFTBALL COMPLEX DEDICATED



Palm Beach Community College Athletics Facilities Coordinator John Anderson was recently honored when PBCC's Central Campus softball complex was named in his honor in recognition of 19 years of outstanding service.

Anderson joined PBCC in 1977 as the slow-pitch softball coach. Under his leadership, the Lady Panthers won more than 900 slow-pitch games, 16 conference titles and two national titles.

When Florida legislators passed a bill to switch to fast-pitch ball in 1993, Anderson made a decision to leave coaching and concentrate on other College duties.

BERTINO NAMED NCMPR COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR

It may not have been a bolt from the blue, but Palm Beach Community College received some rather electrifying good news at the annual fall conference of the District II National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) held in Jackson, Mississippi. District II is a region encompassing 11 states and the islands. Disproving the age-old adage that lightning doesn't strike twice, PBCC's college relations and marketing office received seven awards, and CRM Director Sheila E. Bertino was recognized as the 1995 NCMPR District II Communicator of the Year. This is the highest honor NCMPR pays to a communications professional for exemplary service in a two-year college.



The award presentation cited Bertino's creative approaches to promoting PBCC, her outstanding efforts on behalf of NCMPR and her strong commitment to excellence in communications. In accepting the award, she credited her achievements to the support and hard work of her dedicated and close-knit staff.

In addition to bringing home Communicator of the Year honors, PBCC's college relations office added seven more Medallion Awards to total over 60 awards in the past five years for outstanding achievement in communications in two and four-year colleges.

The 1995 winning categories include: First place, Newsletter and Postcard; second place, Annual Report, Billboard and Print Advertisement; and third place, Black and White Photograph and Video Spot.

CRM staff members who contributed to the award-winning projects include District Coordinator of Marketing Operations and Productions Bob Cole, Senior College Relations and Marketing Specialist Joan Haneberg, College Relations and Marketing Specialist Sarah Moskowitz and Senior Graphic Communications Technician Y. Diane Lester. At the conference, it was also announced that Bob Cole had been elected as the NCMPR Florida state representative. Cole's appointment is for a two-year term.

PBCC DEAN WINS STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Palm Beach Community College's Eisey Campus Dean of Student Services Patricia J. Anderson has been awarded the 1996 Cameron Hall Student

Development Practitioners Award by the Florida Association of Community Colleges' (FACC) Student Development Commission.

The award recognizes exemplary achievement in student development and seeks to honor a community college development practitioner who consistently demonstrates the highest levels of humanitarianism throughout his/her career.

Anderson joined PBCC in 1988 following several years of service at Florida Keys Community College in Key West, Florida. At PBCC's Eisey Campus, she is responsible for the management of various student services' activities and the coordination of programs.



PBCC GOES On Line

This year, Palm Beach Community College took the first steps in becoming a significant player in the statewide distance-learning initiative. PBCC, which recently established an Internet World Wide Web site, plans to offer College classes accessible to anyone who has use of a modem and computer.

PBCC's Web site and Home Page are maintained by the data processing department, and the content is overseen by an Internet Committee. The Web site, which can be accessed from any on-line service including FIRM, America On-Line, Prodigy, Compuserve, NetCom and others, can be reached at <http://www.pbcc.cc.fl.us>.

With the initial phase of its Web site now in place, PBCC's Central Campus has undertaken a collegewide pilot project to create a virtual campus. The Internet will electronically provide the same instructional, academic support and student services that are found on a traditional campus. It will be accessed via PBCC's Internet Home Page and provide linkage with the World Community College.

The distance-learning initiative will enable the College to offer associate degrees and provide a medium for the penetration of the College into markets that are presently untapped.

1996 Teachers of Excellence



LR, Top row: Stephen Gibson, Allen Webber, Albert Howe, LR, Front row: Joan Holloway, Adele Shapiro, Helen Darcey

The ranks of PBCC's Teachers of Excellence continue to grow. This year, for the first time since the program was created, three Central Campus faculty members have been selected for this honor. They include Helen Darcey, an assistant professor in the Center for Personalized Instruction's (CPI) reading lab; Albert Howe, the College's paramedic program leader; and Allen Webber, an associate professor of music who directs the Concert Chorus.

Recognized from the Eisey Campus is Senior Instructor of Business Joan Holloway, who also serves as Phi Beta Lambda faculty club adviser. Senior Instructor of Communications Stephen Gibson represents PBCC's Glades Campus—the second time that he has been tapped for this recognition.

South Campus Senior Instructor of Mathematics Adele Shapiro, a long-time community college teacher who joined PBCC in 1986, completes this year's group of honorees.

All six representatives were honored at the International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence in Austin, Texas.

PBCC's Softball Champions

Across the nation, they're recognized as number one, the very best. PBCC's Lady Panthers captured their first-ever fast-pitch national softball title in Hutchinson, Kansas, by defeating perennial powerhouse Central Arizona 13-2 in the championship game.

Led by second-year coach JoAnn Ferrieri, PBCC finished the year with an incredible 61-5 record. The team had consistently dominated women's intercollegiate fast-pitch ball throughout the season, and were ranked number one prior to their big win in Kansas. For her efforts, Ferrieri was named Florida's Coach of the Year.

National softball championships are not a new phenomenon at PBCC where the Lady Panthers had previously earned two slow-pitch titles. PBCC's current reign at the top is even more significant, coming just after the team's second year of fast-pitch play.

PLAY BALL



Top row: left to right: Jamie Moore, Nikki Tomei, Christina Crocker, Sophia Conteraz, Kari Petres, Shannon Walker, Crystl Bustos and Kellie Glass
Middle row: Marsha Skinner, Assistant Coach Michelle Collins, Coach JoAnn Ferrieri, Assistant Coach Gary Fitzpatrick and Danielle Preece
Front row: Janine Mojica, Erica Ramos, Taryn Gamble, Christina Morales, Kellie Jones and Tina Luna

PBCC's Award-Winning Students

For the second year, three Palm Beach Community College students were named to the All-Florida Academic Team by the State Board of Community Colleges.

The three, recognized for outstanding academic achievement, leadership abilities and community service, include South Campus student Michael Prudhomme, named to

the second team, and Glades Campus students Tonya Harvey and Anne Marie Pender, who represent the third team.

Palm Beach Community College students representing Delta Epsilon Chi, the Central Campus chapter of Distributive Education Club of America (DECA),

earned honors at the 35th National Career Development Conference. The award winners and their respective categories include:

THIRD PLACE,
Full Service Restaurant Marketing,
Autumn Brymer

TOP 20,
Retail Marketing,
Walter Ramelay

TOP 10,
Sales Manager Meeting,
Elizabeth Farr

SIXTH PLACE,
Quiz Bowl Team Florida,
Walter Ramelay

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE,
Lynn Clarke

Student representatives of Delta Omicron, the PBCC Central Campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honors fraternity, attended PTK's national convention in Washington, D.C., and the chapter earned several honors.



In the Scholarship category, Delta Omicron was ranked 18th among 1,200 chapters. For Overall Programs, PBCC ranked 58th and placed in the top five percent. Additionally, the chapter received the Distinguished Region Award, with Florida placing in the top three out of 27 regions.

Phi Beta Lambda business club students from PBCC's Eissey Campus earned awards in state competition. Denise Wyatt collected first-place honors in Business Law, and Sandra Fischer was named first-place winner in Accounting.

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